

Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the forest area proposed to be diverted for the purpose of Diversion of 0.9737 ha. of forest land at Survey No. 124 of Mani Nalkuru of Bantwal Taluk D.K. District, Mangaluru Division for carrying out building stone quarrying in favour of Mervyn M Goveas, Falnir Gardens, Kankanady post Mangaluru (T), D.K. District on 12-12-2023.

The proposed project area is 0.9737Ha. Is a part of Maninalkur Village sy no.124. The said proposed project area is as per the section 17 Notification No. FFD. 39 FAF 85 Dated:24-02-1986 .The total extent of maninalkuru Block-I is 198.10 Acres (80.17 ha.) and the extent of land in Sy.No. 124 is 188.00 Acres. (76.08 ha.)

The total extent of the quarry is 0.9737 ha. The proposed area is rock lagoon surrounded by rocks, boulders. The area around is covered with scrub forest with sporadic vegetation a total of 59 different species of trees have been identified are required to be cut for this project. species-wise, girth-wise list has been prepared.

The entire area of Maninalkuru block-1, was leased to Karnataka Cashew development Corporation during 1994 and the extent of area leased is 80.17 ha. (198.10 Acres.) MD, Karnataka Cashew development Corporation has opined that around the area proposed for quarrying government schools are situated and locals have expressed their opposition and violent protest in case permission is granted to the project. Further this leased area, unit no 187-1977 maninalkuru cashew plantation is equity plantation and permission for quarrying is not appropriate and the proposal cannot be considered for diversion .

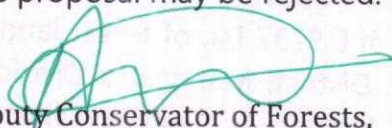
As per the field Report of Range Forest Officer, Bantwal ,north of the proposed area an uninhabited house is situated at an arial distance of 150 mts.In the south east of the proposed area a house is situated at an arial distance of 315 mts.In the south west of the proposed area a house is situated at an arial distance of 236 mts . In an arial distance of 501 mtr. Durgaparameshwari Temple, Sharabeshwara temple at 1290 Mtr. Sri Mahavishnu temple at 1300 mtr. , Government Lower primary school at 463 mtr., Community Health Center at 1330 mtr etc.

According to the Mangalore Forest Division Working Plan, Maninalkur Block-1 is a dry moist forest and falls under Eco Class 3. The forest canopy density in the project area will be 0.4. The proposed area does not include in a Eco Sensitive Zone.

The area does not contain any protected archeological / heritage site and it is not marked area for defence establishment. Further, the area does not form national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, and tiger reserve.

The national park is 26.500 km by air from the project area, the proposed project area is approximately 4.600 km by air from the Karinjeshwar temple.

Hence in view of the above observations the proposal may be rejected.



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